CM/ECF VERSION 3.1
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The United States District Court for the Northern District of New York will upgrade the CM/ECF Application to Version 3.1 of the software effective **Monday, February 4, 2008**. Information regarding modifications, enhancements and new functionality available with this new version of the software is summarized below.

New Features and Functions

1.0   Cascading Menu System

Much like the Microsoft Windows Start menu, the new cascading menu system allows users to navigate from one CM/ECF menu item to another by hovering over the main blue menu bar and selecting specific menu items from the cascading menus.

2.0   Case Number Look-Ups

Almost every screen with a case number look-up field has been modified to reduce the number of screens presented to the user when entering and selecting case numbers.

3.0   Docket Event Search

With the new docket event search functionality, users can enter one or more characters in the docket event search field during docketing to execute more precise searches when selecting event subtypes to docket. If the user enters characters in the text field, the list of events is filtered to display those events that match that character pattern.

4.0   Universal Event and Menu Search

The new Event and Menu Search utility, labeled **Search**, is available from the main blue menu bar. When clicked, a small pop-up window appears, and the user can enter text to search on. Once the user enters text in the search box and clicks the **Search** button (or Enter on the keyboard) the results are displayed on the screen, with the search string characters highlighted. Each item is a hyperlink to the corresponding menu item or event, so the user can access the menu item or event right from the search results screen.

5.0   Cross-Document Hyperlinks

CM/ECF users can now file a document that includes a hyperlink to a previously filed document(s) in the same case or another case that resides on the CM/ECF system where the filing is being entered, or on any other court's CM/ECF system.

6.0   Requiring a Description when Filing Attachments

When a user adds an attachment to a document via docketing, the user must either select an attachment category or enter a description, or both, before continuing.